MAB Grows Relationship with Haiti

Board members meet new contacts at September Convention.

Over 200 volunteers from around the globe gathered September 13th and 14th at Convention 2019 in Norfolk, NE, to celebrate serving God’s people. Under the theme “And Who is My Neighbor?” Grant Schmidt, OGT VP, and several missionary-recipients shared how OGT is changing lives. Attendees heard several inspiring presentations: The Hanna House Project in St. Petersburg, Russia, assisting young women beyond orphanage age find direction in life; 4KenyaKids, caring for orphans and other vulnerable children through schooling and child protection; OGT Panama, new in May 2019 and already working with international agencies in the Caribbean; Nebraska Flood Relief, giving aid to victims throughout the state; OGT Mission in Haiti, overseeing the care and education of hundreds of school (Continued on page 2)

Shipments Outlook

Shipments are determined by specific requests from our destination partners. Here are the latest updates.

Our first shipment from the new warehouse left for Haiti on June 26th. We are so grateful for the 22 volunteers who gave their time on a hot day to load the 40-ft. container with 275 boxes of clothing and shoes, toys, medical equipment and sewing materials, 507 KAH boxes (over 100,000 meals!), and 45 refurbished bicycles. Also, for the first time ever, we sent a children’s 40-piece plastic playground set provided by Kids Around the World. Josias

You’re Invited!

MAB announces Open House event.

Good News! We are hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 19th from 1 to 4 pm at our new facility, 8 Federal Road, West Grove, PA 19390. We’ve put the finishing touches on our streamlined system for receiving, sorting, and shipping your donations. Now we invite you to see our operation and how God is using the Jennersville location to help others in need. Look for special outdoor signs to guide you into the building. Meet the volunteers, take a tour of our warehouse space and learn more about OGT. See the Kids Against Hunger demonstration, visit our display table and register for a gift drawing. Stay for a special Dedication at 2pm and have some food and beverage refreshments. Bring a friend, enjoy your visit, and consider how you can help our branch. We hope you received your invitation—see you there! ■

“ And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29b
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children. These positive testimonies renewed everyone’s dedication to OGT’s life sustaining ministry.

MAB board members Cliff Kraft and Jim Bell had the privilege to meet the director of OGT’s Mission in Haiti, Josias Marin, his wife Angela, and Rev. Stripllet Domingue (see headline photo front page), all who are passionate about Christian education. They gave an uplifting presentation about the Forde Christian Academy in Thomassique that recently received our June 26th 40 ft. container of clothing, food, bicycles, medical equipment and playground. Josias helps with administration at this school where 600 children will enjoy the food we sent. KAH meals are prepared at this outdoor kitchen:

Thomassique Lutheran School kitchen

The schools’ staff are extremely grateful as these meals are often the only nutrition the children get each day. Josias reported our shipment will also be distributed to Lutheran congregations and schools in Port au Prince, including the 400 children who attend the school pictured below. MAB looks forward to strengthening our relationship with Josias and his work to spread the Gospel to people in Haiti.

Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends

MAB plans fundraiser, fourth year in a row.

The big day this year is Wednesday, October 16th! A $5.00 donation to Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch will get you a shopping pass to Boscov’s Friends-Helping-Friends Day event. Treat yourself to discounts up to 25% at any store location from 8am to 11pm. Enjoy free refreshments and register to win prizes.

We have the potential to meet or surpass last year’s goal of $4,400, thanks again to an anonymous grant-matching offer of $2,000! Volunteers will be in several area stores on the 16th selling passes and sharing information with shoppers. Look for us in the Neshaminy, Coventry, Exton, and Granite Run Malls in PA; and the Concord, Christiana and Dover Malls in DE. Please help us take full advantage of this generous offer to raise funds for our work. Need a pass? Email Sandy O’Hedy at sohedy116@comcast.net no later than Tuesday, October 8th and your pass(es) will be mailed. Together we can reach our goal.

Will you give $5.00 to help people in need?

OGT, Inc, Staff Member Retires

Orphan Grain Train bids fond farewell.

Karen Mangels, of the national office in Norfolk, was recognized for her faithful service at the OGT September Convention. Karen began as a Convention volunteer and advanced to become Director of International Shipping. She was in charge of arranging the details for all overseas shipments, from container loading to final distribution. For ten years her dedication and calm expertise made her a pleasure to work with, witnessing for Christ and sharing His love with many. We wish her the very best when she retires this month to her Nebraska farm and to spend more time with family. OGT welcomes Hanna Freudenburg and Rita Fonder as Karen’s successors.

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace...
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace ... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 4: 10, 11b

Shipments Outlook

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Marin, our new contact and the Director of the OGT Mission in Haiti, learned that the shipment cleared customs in four weeks; however, a difficult journey due to heavy rains prevented its arrival until July 27th. The container’s contents will be distributed to several Lutheran congregations and schools in Port au Prince and Thomassique, where Josias’ father is the pastor. Josias sent inspiring photos of people receiving clothing, food – and Tom’s Fuesler’s repaired bicycles – all 45 of which were eagerly claimed. God’s love in action! To see more pictures visit www.ogt.org/branches/mid-atlantic. We hope also to see pictures of the playground when it is reassembled.

12 Ways You Can Help

Become a part of our mission!

- **Pray** that God would bless the Mid-Atlantic Branch to be a blessing to others.
- **Come to our Open House** on October 19th and get inspired!
- **Buy** a Boscov Shopping Pass.
- **Donate clothes** for men, women, and children in *good condition* (please see the enclosed “Considerations for Donors” list).
- **Donate a bicycle** for us to refurbish.
- **Volunteer your time** at the warehouse, Wednesdays from 10am-2:30pm.
- **Give financially** using the enclosed envelope, or donate online at www.ogt.org/branches/mid-atlantic
- **Collect apple boxes** for packing donations.
- **Shop STAPLES** with our Rewards card. So far, we have received over $300 in your rewards dollars!
- **Sew** pillowcase dresses. Look under “What We Do” on the OGT website for directions to this and other special projects.
- **Join our board** and lend your talents and creativity to our cause.
- **Host a Clothing Drive** – we need more donations! Consider collecting clothing at your church, school, or in your neighborhood. Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in Malvern, PA, recently opened their drive to the local community – to great success!! Thanks to member Steve Schumm who generously donated his van for transportation.

John Hetrick and Roger Hazzard load bikes

Happy children on bikes!

Haitian people with clothes and KAH meals

Cliff, Jim, and Carla with clothing donations at Christ Memorial
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Our Mission Statement
In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people, both far and near.

Mid-Atlantic Branch Purpose
To build a Christ centered team who can use their God-given talents to be a blessing to others through their service in the Mid Atlantic Branch of Orphan Grain Train fulfilling the Mission Statement of the OGT movement.

Genesis 12:3 - "I will bless those who bless you ... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

"I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you." John 14:18

did YOU KNOW?

• We Have ‘Arrived!’
  It’s official, there are two Orphan Grain Train signs near the parking lot, thanks to our wonderful landlord. Look for them when you come to the warehouse.

• Valuable Volunteers — So far this year MAB has recorded 2,932 volunteer work hours, way ahead of last year’s total. Our volunteers not only give their time at the warehouse, they gather apple boxes, organize clothing drives, sew and mend donated items, and even repair bicycles. Thank you one and all!

what's AHEAD...

• BOSCOV FHF Day — Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 16th, to come out and help support our branch. If you would like to buy a pass, or have questions about the event, email Sandy O’Hedy at s.ohedy116@comcast.net.

• Open House Event — We look forward to seeing you at the Jennersville warehouse on Saturday, October 19th, from 1-4 pm. Join us for tours, information, refreshments, and a special dedication. Come and learn more about what we do and how you can help our mission.

• Fall Grant-Matching Drive — Look for special mailings coming soon about our annual fundraiser. We thank our supporters for always giving above and beyond our goal. Prayerfully consider donating again this year.

To God alone be the Glory!